

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Sri G. Pratap Reddy, Pay and Accounts Officer, Khammam - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges - Issued.

FINANCE (WA.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt No. 305

Dated: 29-01-2013.
Read the following:-

1. Report received from JDWA, Ongole dated 01.12.2012.
2. Note of Director (IT), Finance Department on Khammam bills status on 16.11.2012 to 29.11.2012.
3. Memo. No.4066/F8 (1)2012, Finance (W&P) Department, dated 21.12.2012.
4. From the Director of Works Accounts Letter No.DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC.6/2012-13/441, dated: 16.01.2013.

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri G. Pratap Reddy, Pay and Accounts Officer, Khammam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure II).
3. Sri G. Pratap Reddy, Pay and Accounts Officer, Khammam is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.
4. Sri G. Pratap Reddy, Pay and Accounts Officer, Khammam is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.
5. Sri G. Pratap Reddy, Pay and Accounts Officer, Khammam is further informed that, if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.
6. Attention of Sri G. Pratap Reddy, Pay and Accounts Officer, Khammam is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another Person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri G. Pratap Reddy, Pay and Accounts Officer, Khammam is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.
7. The receipt of these orders be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

L. PREMACHANDRA REDDY,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (W&P)

To
Sri G. Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam
through the Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.

Copy to:
The Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.
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ANNEXURE – I

Statement of articles of charges framed against Sri. G.Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam

Charge:

That the said Sri. G.Pratap Reddy while working as PAO, Khammam has failed in his duties while scrutinizing the work bills of Superintendent and Auditor thereby causing misrepresentation of the facts and violation of instructions of the Government on monitoring the BMS, while arranging payment of work Anicut across Munneru River near Pandreigupalli (V), Mudigonda (M), Khammam dist with Token No.9412. This amounts to dereliction of duties and disobedience to the Government instructions. Thus he has violated Rule 3(1) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Basis of Charge:

The JDWA, W&P, Ongole carried out enquiry into allegations made against Sri G.Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam and the staff on the work Anicut across Munneru River near Pandreigupalli(V), Mudigonda(M), Khammam dist with Token No.9412.

When the Divisional Staff approached the PAO for enquiring about the status of the bill, he conducted further scrutiny and communicated further remarks including non-furnishing of copies of Agreement and Estimate and some other points such as Land Acquisition clearance, Forest clearance etc. vide his Lr No.PAO/W&P/TP/Sn-II/Id.KMM/2012-13/150 dt: 24-11-2012.

After receipt of required information from the Executive Engineer and also on receipt of copies of Estimate and Agreement on 29-11-2012 the PAO processed the bill on the same day.

1. In the 1st level scrutiny all the omissions including non-receipt of copies of Agreement and Estimate should have been pointed out by the Auditor.
2. The Superintendent should have pointed out the non-receipt of copies of the Agreement and Estimate.
3. The PAO also should have pointed out the above two omissions in his scrutiny. Further the objections regarding LA and Forest clearances and other items which were pointed out by addressing a letter to the Executive Engineer should have been pointed out initial online scrutiny against “Any Other Remarks” after S.No.34 of Scrutiny slip.

Thus he has violated Rule 3(1) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules 1964.

The above observations of the JDWA, W&P, Ongole and Director (IT) clearly shows that Sri. G.Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam has failed in his duties while scrutinizing the work bills of Superintendent and Auditor on monitoring the BMS.

This amounts to dereliction of duties. Hence, the charge.

L. PREMACHANDRA REDDY,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (W&P)

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ANNEXURE-II

List of documents by which article of charge framed against Sri G.Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam are proposed to be sustained.

1. Enquiry Report of JDWA, W&P, Ongole dt: 01-12-2012.
2. Note of Director of (IT), Finance Department on Khammam bill status from 16-11-2012 to 29-11-2012.
3. Govt. Memo No.4066/F8 (1)/2012 Finance (W&P) Department dt: 21-12-2012.

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